A DECLARATION AND PROTESTATION OF THE Lords and Commons in Parliament to this Kingdom, and the whole World:

Wherein (amongst divers of His Majesties late illegall proceedings) is discovered, how severall Commissions under the Kings authority have been granted to many profest Papists (herein nominated) for places of command in this warre, with power to raise men and armes, which in sundry places they have performed.

Also, how Sir *Iohn Hinderson* and Collonel *Cockram* were sent to *Hamburgh* and *Denmarke*, to raise Forces there, and in other forraine parts, to bring into this Kingdom With the names of some who have been proclaimed Rebels in *Ireland*, Now in great favour with his Majesty.

For which and other reasons they are resolved to enter into a solemne oath and covenant with God to the utmost of their power, with the hazzard of their lives and fortunes to defend the truth against the Kings popish Army, and all that shall joyn with them in the prosecution of this wicked designe.

Die Sabbathi Octob. 22. 1642.

Ordered by the Lords and Commons in Parliament, That this Declaration shal be forthwith printed and published, and read in all Churches and Chappels within the Kingdom of England, and Dominion of Wales, by the Parsons, Vicars, or Curats of the same.

J. Brown, Cler. Parliamentorum.

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A DECLARATION AND PROTESTATION OF THE Lords and Commons Assembled in Parliament.

WE the Lords and Commons in this present Parliament assembled do in the presence of Almighty God, for the satisfaction of our owne consciences, and discharge of that great trust which lies upon us, make this Protestation, and Declaration to this Kingdome and Nation, and to the whole World, That no private passion or respect, no evill intention to His Majesties Person, no designe to the prejudice of his just honor and authority engaged us to raise Forces, and take up Armes against the Authors of this Warre wherewith the Kingdome is now enflamed.

And we have alwayes desired from our hearts and soules,

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manifeſted in our actions and proceedings, and in ſeverall humble Petitions and Remonſtrances to His Majeſty profeſſed our Loyalty, and Obedience to his Crowne, readineſſe and reſolution to defend His perſon, and ſupport His eſtate with our lives and fortunes, to the uttermoſt of our power.

That we have beene willing to paſſe by not onely thoſe injuries, ignominies, ſlanders and falſe accuſations, wherewith we have beene privately oppreſſed and grieved, but likewiſe many publique incroachments and high uſurpations to the prejudice of Religion and Liberty, divers bloudy Trayterous and cruell practiſes and deſignes for the utter ruine and deſtruction of the Church and State, ſo as we might for the time to come have beene ſecured from that wicked and mallignant party, thoſe pernicious and Trayterous Councells, who have beene the authors and fomentors of the former miſchiefes and preſent calamities, which have and ſtill doe diſtemper this Church and State.

That for the ſame purpoſe, and for the avoyding of bloud we directed the Earle of *Eſſex* Lord General by himſelfe or others, in ſome ſafe and honorable way to cauſe to be delivered an humble Petition, wherein we do deſire nothing from His Majeſty, but that he would returne in peace to His Parliament, and by their faithfull Counſell and adviſe compoſe the diſtempers and confuſions abounding in His Kingdomes, as he is bound to do; we therein profeſſing in the ſight of Almighty God, which is the ſtrongeſt Obligation and aſſurance that any Chriſtian, and the moſt ſolemn publique Faith, which any ſuch State as a Parliament can give, that we would receive Him with all honour, yeeld Him all true Obedience and ſubjection, and faithfully endeavour to defend His Perſon and eſtate, from all danger, and to the uttermoſt of our power, to eſtabliſh

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maintaining the Proteſtant Religion and the Lawes of the Kingdome, cauſing ſome profeſt *Papiſts* to be diſcharged out of his Army, and none to be received that would not endure the teſt of comming to Church, receiving the Sacrament, and taking the Oathes of allegiance.

That His Majeſty being now growne ſtronger, and able as he conceives to make good His owne ends by Armes, His Confidence in the *Papiſts* doth more clearly appeare; perſons impriſon'd for Prieſts and Jeſuits have beene releaſed out of the goale of *Lancaſter*, profeſt *Papiſts* have been invited to riſe and take up Armes, Commiſſions under His Majeſties authority have beene granted to many of them for places of command in this War, with power to raiſe men, and great numbers have beene raiſed by them, and they daily increaſe, as namely to ſir *Nicholas Thornton*, Sir *Thomas Howard* Barronet, Sir *Edward Widdington*, Sir *William Riddell*, Mr. *Smith of Aſh*, Maſter *George Wray*, Maſter *Edward Grey* of *Morpeth-Caſtle*, Maſter *Launcelot Errington of Dento*, Maſter *Launcelot Holiby* all of *Northumberland*, Biſhoprick of *Durham*, and *New caſtle*, to Maſter *Clifton*, Maſter *William Walton*, Sir *VVillam Gerrard* Barronet, Sir *Cicill Trafford*, Mr. *Anderſon* of *Loſtock* in the County of *Lancaſter*, and divers forces are raiſed and paid by the Earle of *VVorceſter* and his ſonne the Lord *Herbert*, and as we are informed by an expreſſe meſſenger ſent from thoſe parts, The ſaid L. *Herbert*, a notorious Papiſt is made Generall of all South *Wales*; and we are further informed out of *Yorkeſhire*, by divers perſons of great worth and quality, that thoſe that raiſe Forces in thoſe parts for his Majeſty do arme and imploy papiſts, and uſe their adviſe in their conſultations, All which is contrary to the ſolemn Oathes, Proteſtations, and Execrations, whereby his Majeſty bound himſelf to maintain the Proteſtant Religion, and the lawes of the Land, By which he endeavoured to get a confidence in the people of his good inten-

to Him and to His people, all the bleſſings of a glorious and happy Raigne, as it is more largely expreſt in that Petition.

For the delivery of which Petition his Excellency hath twice ſent unto the King, humbly deſiring a ſafe conduct for thoſe who ſhould be imployed therein, but His Majeſty refuſed to give any ſuch ſafe conduct, or to receive this humble and duti∫full Petition by any addreſſe from the Earle of *Eſſex*, ſaying that if Juſtice had beene done the Gentleman which brought the ſecond meſſage could not expect his liberty.

By all which and many other evidences & inducements, we are fully convinc'd in our judgements and beliefe, that the Kings Councells, and Reſolutions are ſo engaged to the popiſh party, for the ſuppreſſion and extirpation of the true Religion, that all hopes of peace and protection are excluded, and that it is fully intended to give ſatisfaction to the *Papiſts* by alteration of Religion, and to the Cavaleers and other Souldiers, by expoſing the wealth of the good Subjects, eſpecially of this City of *London* to be ſackt plundred and ſpoild by them.

That for the better effecting hereof, great numbers of *Papiſts* have in ſhew conformed themſelves to the Proteſtant Religion by comming to the Church, receiving the Sacrament, and taking the Oathes of allegiance, and ſupremacy which ſome of their owne Prieſts have encouraged them to do, by maintaining that they might do all thoſe things, and yet continue good Catholiques, under which cover His Majeſty did at firſt begin to ſtrengthen himſelfe, thoſe of that Religion being weake, and unable to endure the envy and diſcontent which the arming of the *Papiſts* would procure in the Kingdome, and therefore endeavoured to keepe off all jealouſies and ſuſpitions by many feareſull Oaths and Imprecations, concerning his purpoſe of

intentions, which how well it is anſwered we leave the world to judge.

That Sir *I. Hinderſon*, and Collonel *Cokram* men of ill report, both for religion and honeſty, are ſent to *Hamburgh* and *Denmarke*, as we are credibly informed, to raiſe forces there, and to bring them to *Newcaſtle*, and to joyn with the Earle of *Newcaſtle*, and the Army of Papiſts which they intend to raiſe there; And that divers endeavours have been uſed in other forraine parts, to bring in ſtrange forces into the Kingdom; That the King hath received about him divers papiſts of *Ireland*, ſome of which are indited of high treaſon for their rebellion there, notoriouſly known to have been in actuall rebellion; as namely, the Lord *Taffe*, Sir *John Dungane*, proclaimed a Rebel, Collonel *Fitzwilliams*, Dr. *Meara* indited for the rebellion in *Ireland* and fled for the ſame, and yet appointed Phiſition to Prince *Rupert*; And that his Majeſty hath ſent for the petition of the Iriſh Rebels which the Juſtices had ſtopt, with evident expreſſion of favour to them, whereby that Kingdom is like to become an unfit habitation of any Proteſtants, and a Seminary of War and treaſon againſt this Kingdom.

That divers Engliſh Traytors, actors in the former deſignes againſt the Kingdome and Parliament, are chiefe counſellors and actors in this unnaturall warre againſt his ſubjects, as the Lord *Digby*, *Oneale*, *Wilmot*, *Pollard*, *Aſhburnham* and others.

That we have been likewiſe credibly informed that divers Jeſuits and Prieſts in forraigne parts make great collections of money for reliefe of the papiſts in *Ireland*, and the furthering of his Majeſties deſignes here againſt the Parliament, and that by them and ſome others fled out of this Kingdom for treaſon, great means are made to take up the differences betwixt ſome Princes of the Roman religion, that ſo they might unite their ſtrength for the extirpation of the Proteſtant Religion, wherein principally this Kingdom

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and the Kingdom of *Scotland* are concerned, as making the greateſt body of the reformed Religion in Chriſtendome, and beſt able to defend themſelves, and ſuccour other Churches.

For all which reaſons we are reſolved to enter into a ſolemne oath and covenant with God, to give up our ſelves, our lives, and fortunes into his hands; And that we will to the utmoſt of our power and judgement maintain his truth, and conform our ſelves to his wil, that we wil defend this cauſe with the hazzard of our lives againſt the Kings army, and againſt all that ſhal joyn with them in proſecution of this wicked deſigne, according to the form to be agreed upon by both Houſes of Parliament, to be ſubſcribed by our hands. And that we wil for the ſame ends aſſociate our ſelves, and unite with all the wel affected in the City of *London*, and other parts of his Majeſties Dominions.

That we expect our brethren of *Scotland*, according to the act of Pacification, whereby the two Kingdomes are mutually bound to ſuppreſſe all debates and differences to the diſturbance of the publike peace, That they will help and aſſiſt us in defence of this cauſe; which if the Popiſh party prevaile, muſt needs either involve them in that alteration of Religion which wil be made here, or engage them in a war againſt this Kingdome, to defend their own Religion and liberty. And we doubt not but the God of truth, and the great protector of his people will aſſiſt and enable us in this our juſt defence, to reſtraine the malice and fury of thoſe that ſeek our ruine, and to ſecure the perſons, eſtates, and liberties of all that joyn with us; And to procure and eſtabliſh the ſafety of religion, and fruition of our lawes and liberties, in this and all other his Majeſties [illegible] here again profeſſe before the

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